

22 September 1947

Major General Maxwell D. Taylor  
Superintendent  
United States Military Academy  
West Point, New York

Dear General Taylor:

I have delayed answering your letter of 12 September in the hope that I might be able to give you a definite response. As things stand now, it is uncertain whether I shall be in the States during the last two weeks of November, and I shan't know definitely for at least another ten days. However, I shall be available after the 8th of December, certainly, but if you have a schedule to meet, I shall be very glad to send the Deputy Director, Brigadier General E. K. Wright, some time during the last two weeks of November as you suggest.

In any case, I shall inform you definitely as soon as my own plans fall, but we shall have somebody from the Central Intelligence Agency to give the lecture you desire at the time you desire it. Thank you for your kindness and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

*W. H. HILLENKOETTER*  
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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

In blocking out the instruction to be given the graduating class at West Point, I am most anxious to have an adequate presentation made of the importance of high level intelligence to national defense. Naturally, I think of you as the officer best qualified to develop this very important topic, and turn to you for assistance.

Would you consider an invitation to address this class during the latter half of November on the general subject of the intelligence requirements of national defense and the work of the Central Intelligence Agency? Any day in the period Monday to Thursday, inclusive, of the last two weeks of November would be entirely suitable from our point of view. The hour of these First Class lectures is 7:05 p.m., in a comparatively small lecture room capable of accommodating readily the 300 odd members of the class.

I am most hopeful that you can accept this cordial invitation, as your appearance on our lecture platform will mean much to the graduating class.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Maxwell D. Taylor  
Major General  
Superintendent

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter  
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